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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 7, 2006, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings are provided on page 2.

The claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3, and the Remarks section follows on page 10.

A <u>Petition for One-Month Extension of Time</u>, wherein all fees are provided, accompanies this paper.